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Divisional Health Office,
Oxford Street,
Bridlington.

To the Chairman, Alderman and Councillors,
Urban District of Driffield.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1960.

The Registrar General's figures for the year indicated a population of 7,020, an increase of 80 compared with last year. There were 118 live births in the district during the year compared with 111 last year, and the adjusted birth rate of 16.51 per 1,000 population compared with a national birth rate of 17.1 per 1,000 population. 139 deaths during the year compares with 188 last year and an adjusted death rate of 10.89 per 1,000 population compares with a national death rate of 11.5 per 1,000 population. The causes of death followed the usual pattern.

Concerning infectious diseases, very few were notified during the year. In the early part of the year, however, there occurred a number of cases of dysentery but in spite of intensive investigation it was not possible to pin-point the cause. The cases were mild, and I feel sure that many more occurred than were known of.

The sanitary circumstances of the area changed little during the year. A further 13 pail closets were converted to the water carriage system, leaving 162 pail closets still in use.

The inhabited houses increased during the year to 2,044, the increase of 31 compared with last year being built by private enterprise. Two slum clearance areas, comprising three houses in each area, were represented during the year.

In presenting this report I would like to express my thanks to Mr. Marsh and the staff for their work and help during the year, and also to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their constant support and interest.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J.H. MAUGHAN

Medical Officer of Health

HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Chemist and Assistant Sewage Works Manager

B.R. MOORE, A.M.I.S.P.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres	2,420
Population : 1960 Registrar General	7,020
Rateable Value	£86,882
Sum represented by a penny rate	£352
Estimated number of inhabited houses	2,044

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

Number	118
Crude birth rate	16.81
Adjusted birth rate : Comparability factor R.G. 0.97	16.51
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	2.54

Still Births

Number	1
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	8.40
Total live and still births	119
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	4

Infant Mortality Rates

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	33.90
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	34.78
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	16.95
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	16.95
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	25.21

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths	-
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	-

Deaths

Number	139
Crude death rate	19.80
Adjusted death rate : Comparability factor R.G. 0.55 ...	10.89

Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis	--
Rate per 1,000 population	--
Deaths from Other forms of Tuberculosis	--
Rate per 1,000 population	--
Deaths from Respiratory Diseases	12
Rate per 1,000 population	1.71
Deaths from Heart Disease	56
Rate per 1,000 population	7.98
Deaths from Cancer	15
Rate per 1,000 population	2.14

PROVISIONAL STATISTICS -- ENGLAND AND WALES

Births

Live births	17.1 per 1,000 population
Stillbirths	19.7 per 1,000 total live and stillbirths.

Deaths

Death rate	11.5 per 1,000 home population
Infant mortality	21.7 per 1,000 live births.

Causes of Death in Driffield U.D., 1960 (R.G.)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
All causes	62	77
Cancer, lung, bronchus	4	1
Cancer, other sites	5	5
Diabetes	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	7	19
Coronary disease, angina	10	8
Hypertension with heart disease	3	3
Other heart disease	10	22
Other circulatory disease	3	3
Pneumonia	-	1
Bronchitis	8	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-
Congenital malformations	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	10

INFANTILE DEATHS

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Notifiable Diseases	Under 1 year	1 - 4 years	5 - 14 years	15 - 24 years	25 - 44 years	45 - 64 years	Over 65 years	Total Deaths
Dysentery	1	2	7	2	2	-	-	-
Measles	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED 1950 - 1960

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Diphtheria Immunisation

The number of children who completed the full course of immunisation in the Authority's area between 1st January and 31st December, 1960, is as follows :

<u>Under 5 years</u>	<u>5 - 14 years</u>
84	37

In addition, 140 children received boosting doses.

The estimated number of children immunised at any time who were born between 1946 and 1960 is as follows :

<u>Under 5 years</u>	<u>5 - 14 years</u>
235	734

Smallpox Vaccination

The number of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated during the year is as follows :

Age at Date of Vaccination :	Under 1	1 year	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Total
Number vaccinated	53	2	2	1	5	63
Number re-vaccinated .	-	-	-	-	14	14

Tuberculosis

The Register of Tuberculosis for the year is as follows :

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-</u> <u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1959	17	11	5	4	37
Added to the Register:					
(a) cases notified for the first time during the year	-	-	-	-	-
(b) inward transfers	1	1	-	-	2
Removed from the Register on account of death, change of address, etc. ..	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1960	18	12	5	4	39

General Provision of Health Services for the Area

Laboratory Facilities

Specimens for bacteriological examinations are sent to the Public Health Laboratory of the Medical Research Council at Hull.

Maternity and Child Welfare

Weekly sessions are held at the East Riding County Council Clinic established at Victoria Road, Driffield.

Maternity Services

Domiciliary births are attended by the Nurse/Midwives who are resident in the town; 27 occurred during the year.

Nursing in the Home

Two District Nurse/Midwives are resident in the town.

Hospitals - Regional Hospital Board

All cases of infectious diseases which need admission to hospital are sent to Castle Hill Hospital, Cottingham.

Maternity cases are admitted to the special wings of the East Riding General Hospital, Driffield and the Avenue Hospital, Bridlington.

Ambulance Service

This is maintained by the County Council, and there is an Ambulance Station situated in Driffield.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Water

The town's water is supplied by the Driffield Water Company, the extraction being from two boreholes, one in Spellowgate and one at North Street, Driffield. In accordance with the instruction of the Ministry of Health, the water is chlorinated. The results of samples of water sent for Bacteriological Examination were as follows :-

Number examined	6	Number satisfactory	6
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Sewage Disposal

The town's sewage is treated at the modern sewage works before being discharged into the Canal. Constant sampling and analysis is carried out at the works. The new sewerage scheme at Little Driffield is in progress.

Conversion of Pail Closets

During the year 13 pail closets have been converted to the water carriage system. At the end of the year 162 pail closets remain in use.

Refuse and Night Soil Collection

A weekly collection of household refuse has been maintained during the year. Refuse is disposed of on the Wold Hill Tip. During the summer months refuse containers and pail closets are dusted with gammexane insecticide.

Salvage

During the year the following materials were salvaged and sold :-

	T.	C.	Q.	£.	s.	d.
Waste Paper	14	9	1	43.	7.	9.
Scrap Metal	2	10	0	20.	5.	0.
Scrap Coppers				3.	16.	6.

Rodent Control

Disinfestation is carried out in accordance with the methods recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Rodent Control Division. During the year, the following premises have been disinfested :-

Business Premises	Private Dwellings	Council Premises	Public Sewers
2	10	6	2

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

Nature of visits of Inspection

Under Public Health Act	178
Re rodent control	151
Drains and sewers	111
Slaughterhouses	24
Factory Premises	54
Caravans	4

Knackers Yard	4
Public Conveniences	20
Conversion of pail closets	15
Petroleum Regulations	11

Housing

Total number of houses in the district	2044
Number of new houses built during the year by the Local Authority	-
Number of houses built during the year by other owners	31
Number of houses dealt with under Section 9 and 10 of the Housing Act 1957	-
Number of houses demolished during the year	-
Number of new houses in course of erection at the end of year	
(a) By the Local Authority	43
(b) By private owners	10
Number of houses improved during the year under the Housing Acts by	
(a) Standard Grants	20
(b) Discretionary Grants	6
Number of houses in course of improvement during the year under the Housing Acts by	
(a) Standard Grants	-
(b) Discretionary Grants	-
Number of inspections carried out under the Housing Acts during the year	225

Food Premises

(a) The numbers of food premises in the area are :-

Meat shops	9
Grocery and General Provision	10
Mixed - Grocery and Confectionery	15
Confectionery (Sweets &c.)	8
Greengrocers	8
Cooked meat products	1
Bakers and confectioners	7
Food preparing premises	6
Fish shops	2
Fried fish shops	7

(b) The number of food premises registered under Section 16, Food and Drugs Act 1955 is

Premises registered for the manufacture of ice cream	1
Premises registered for the storage of ice cream	34
Premises registered for the preparation or manufacture of sausages, potted, pressed or pickled or preserved foods	25

(c) Number of inspections of food premises 120

(d) Method of disposal of condemned foods

Carcases, organs and offal are collected by persons authorised by the Council. Other foods are collected by the Cleansing Staff and either burned or buried on the Refuse Tip or returned to the Manufacturers.

(e) The Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947 - 1952

One manufacturer is registered in the area, the plant complies with the requirements of the regulations.

Inspection of Foodstuffs

The following articles of food were found to be unfit for human consumption and were destroyed:-

	lbs.
298 tins of meat	756
317 tins of vegetables	326
79 tins of milk	90
174 tins of fruit	334
23 tins of fish	19
30 tins of rice	42
6 tins of sago	12
45 cartons of cheese	27
61 jars of onions	54
28 jars of cream	11
8 cartons of flour	24
8 cartons of jelly	4
Wet fish	42
Beef	16

Slaughterhouses

Six slaughterhouses are now licensed in the area.

Knackers Yard

The Knackers Yard at Little Driffield has now closed.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle including Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	2416	124	7329	5463	--
Number inspected	2416	124	7329	5463	--
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	2	--	25	14	--
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	884	5	41	244	--
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cystercerci	36.67	4.03	0.90	4.57	--
<u>Tuberculosis only :</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	10	--	--	1	--
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	86	1	--	132	--
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	3.97	0.8	--	2.45	--
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	--	--	--	--	--
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	--	--	--	--	--
Generalised or totally condemned	--	--	--	--	--

Factories Acts 1937 - 1948

Part I of the Act

1. Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health :-

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Written Notices	No. of Prosecutions
1) Factories in which Sections 1.2.3.4. & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	45	21	-	-
2) Factories in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	71	30	-	-
3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	6	3	-	-
	122	54	-	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found :-

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	No. of Prosecutions
Nil	-	-	-	-	-

